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Weekly Views

From the Office of J. David Donahue, Commissioner

“Few things are impossible to diligence and skill. Great works are performed not by strength, but perseverance.” ~ Samuel Johnson (1709 - 1784)

Friday, July 18, 2008

Director of Education Dr. John Nally was recognized with "The President's Award" at the 63rd Annual International Correctional Education Association Conference in Denver, Colorado. Each year, the CEA president recognizes an individual who has made outstanding contributions to the advancement of the field of correctional education at the state and national level.

Miami Correctional Facility's PLUS Unit recently donated \$2,500 to the Logansport Juvenile Correctional Facility to help them start up their PLUS unit. The donation to LJCF will help them purchase needed supplies, materials and curriculum to begin their unit, which is scheduled to open July 21.

Staff from the Indiana Women's Prison and Madison Correctional Facility donated offender-made pillows to the Julian Center Pillow Project. The pillows are the first of 250 pillows to be donated to the non-profit center over the next year. The Julian Center provides shelter and counseling to victims of domestic violence, sexual assault, and survivors of child sexual abuse.

Putnamville Correctional Facility passed the annual ACA Facility Review with a score of 98.6%. Mr. Osburn attributes the success to "making everyday an ACA audit," and to the diligent efforts of staff.

Reception-Diagnostic Center recently held a "Sub Sammich" sale to raise money for local schools in need of supplies. 42 feet of sub was sold, and a total of \$351.75 was raised during the two-day sale! Money was also donated to assist fellow RDC staff who were affected by the recent flooding.

The Lions Club International Eyeglass Recycling Center located at Westville Correctional Facility recently commemorated a monumental milestone by processing its 4,000,000th pair of recycled eyeglasses.

Edinburgh Correctional Facility staff collected donations for individuals who were displaced by storms across the local area. The facility was very successful collecting a lot of clothing and hygiene items. All donations went to local community lockers in Edinburgh and Trafalgar.

Madison Correctional Facility held its quarterly Community Advisory Board meeting. Kris Mayfield, Unit Team Manager, and 4 offenders made presentations on the upcoming Domestic Violence Conference and the programs offered at Ivy Tech.

New Castle Correctional Facility is proud to announce the promotion of 10 Correctional staff. Glen Thompson has been promoted to the rank of Captain, and Laura Denny, Diane McDaniel, Justin Upchurch, David Young, Terry Cross, Junior Dunn, Jabin Collins, David Denney and Blake Huber have all been promoted to the rank of Sergeant.

The Christian Motorcyclists Association recently presented a day-long program at Pendleton Juvenile Correctional Facility. CMA opened with a morning religious program titled "Breaking Through" and held an afternoon Bike Show for all offenders.

At the Correctional Industrial Facility, The Minority Health Coalition out of Madison County donated a \$500 check to Brenda Jones, Wellness Volunteer for the PLUS program. Superintendent Tom Hanlon presented her the check during her wellness class.

Indiana State Prison held a talent show for the enjoyment of Department of Correction staff. Twenty offender singers and poets competed to win the coveted title of ISP's American Idol.

How did the Wabash Valley Correctional Facility turn a warehouse into a cell house? The facility Community Advisory Board got the answers during their meeting this week, including a chance to tour the minimum-security unit. Keeping the offenders at the facility also kept community service crews on the job for area cities and towns.

Branchville Correctional Facility and Correctional Medical Services offered their first annual health fair. Mental health and dental professionals were present to help inform offenders on the importance of preventative care and maintaining proper daily hygiene. The event also kicked off the Cardiac Initiative, where offenders over 45 will be offered low dose aspirin on a daily basis and will be given literature on ways to improve their overall cardiac health.